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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition in business, the providing at the lowest price the good and services that the customers want, is the essence of what makes America great. Business practices that inhibit competition also inhibit growth in technology. The 1996 Telecommunications Act should enable a competitive market that promotes new network deployment. If Edison had his way, there would not be any electronic inductors and capacitors to be found today, and in a similar thought on today's technology, AT&T and US Telecom should not control access to unbundled network elements. Competitors should have continued access to copper as a bridge to fiber. Thank You.

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